

105TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 240

Recognizing Hispanic culture in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASTOR submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Hispanic culture in the United States.

Whereas the Hispanic community represents 10 percent of the United States population and is expected to become the largest minority group in the United States in approximately 10 years;

Whereas by 2035, 1 in 5 Americans will be Hispanic;

Whereas Hispanics distinguish themselves as a community for fostering connections rooted in the Spanish language;

Whereas Hispanics diverse and vibrant culture includes elements originating in Spain, North America, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and the Far East;

Whereas Hispanics share deep family values, recognize their obligations to the less fortunate in society, protect their

children, cherish freedom, and fulfill their patriotic duty to defend their country;

Whereas many Hispanic men and women have served this country with distinction, making important contributions in the arts and sciences, the business world, academia, government, agriculture, and the Armed Forces;

Whereas Hispanics have served in the United States Armed Forces in proportions much larger than their percentage of the population;

Whereas American society can reap great benefits from greater exposure to Hispanic arts and culture;

Whereas Hispanics constitute only 1 percent of the participants in most major entertainment categories, such as writers, producers, directors, actors, and filmmakers; and

Whereas the need to increase the visual presence of Hispanics and create a place in the national conscience can only be done through the visual realm of entertainment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that Hispanics are an example of
3 community and patriotism and have made rich con-
4 tributions to this country;

5 (2) wholeheartedly endorses the efforts of the
6 Foundation for the Arts to raise scholarships at the
7 graduate school level for Hispanics interested in
8 film, theater, television, and the music industry;

9 (3) salutes actor Jimmy Smits for his leader-
10 ship and commitment to bring excellence to the His-

1 panic community by his creation of the National
2 Hispanic Foundation for the Arts; and
3 (4) supports this and any visionary initiative
4 that seeks to promote and protect the contributions
5 of Hispanics to this country.

